



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

December 9, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

The holiday season is well under way with the Midnight Madness behind us, the holiday lights in town, and the first December snow. The Board of Health continues its efforts to inoculate our students against the flu. Keep watch for updates and contact our school nurse if you have any questions. In an effort to meet our budget goals, LSPA representatives will be on hand this week to collect your Direct Appeal donations at drop-off. Look for these friendly faces on Thursday and Friday at the Main Street and Washington Street entrances. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. --Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec 10th Early Release

Dec 24-Jan 3rd Holiday Break No School

Monday, Jan 4th Back to School

Monday, Jan 18th No School MLK Day

LIBRARY NEWS

Bookends, December 13: Bookends has graciously offered to give back a portion of sales on Sunday, December 13th, to individual Winchester school libraries. If you shop at the store on the 13th, please mention that you are from Lincoln, and our school library will receive some of the proceeds. Thank you and happy shopping!

Bookfair Success: It is because of this caring Lincoln community that I can report another successful Bookfair. This year we raised \$4,137 for the library! Before the Bookfair was even packed up and shipped back, we began to put those dollars to work. We purchased several books each for our school psychologist, Lauren Garneau; ESL instructor, Misha Peterson; and our reading specialists, Gina Addonizio, Jeri Katz, Stascia Pollock and Barbara Tully. In addition, we added \$500 of new and popular books to the school library. I am diligently creating lists and plan on making major purchases to update curriculum areas (such as biographies, solar system, science, animal, and country books – just to name a few). As books are purchased, I will post lists of the new arrivals to keep you up to date. Thank you

for making the Lincoln Library a vibrant learning environment!--LeeAnne Toner

From the Library and Reading Staff: Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered their time and energy (and books) last June at our Used Book Sale. With over \$700 earned, we were able to buy many new titles for our Guided Reading Library that will enhance every grade level. We appreciate all of the parents' support and their commitment to literacy at Lincoln. --LeeAnne Toner, Barbara Tully, Jeri Katz & Stascia Pollock



Get your holiday shopping finished quickly and earn CASH for Lincoln School with each and every purchase!

Avoid the hustle and bustle this year and have your holiday gifts delivered right to your door. First, [register online](http://www.bboxtops4education.com) through the website www.bboxtops4education.com and designate Lincoln School. Second, start your online shopping at the [Box Tops for Education Marketplace](http://www.bboxtops4education.com) and Box Tops will credit your purchases to Lincoln school. Once you click on the link to one of your favorite online stores - you'll be automatically sent to that store's web site. Shop as you normally would, and a portion of your qualifying purchase is donated to Lincoln school. You'll save time, save money, and earn cash for Lincoln School. Over 60 popular online stores have teamed up with Box Tops. Here is just a sampling of participating stores: Old Navy, Gap, GapKids, Home Depot, Walmart, PotteryBarn, Apple, Overstock.com, Barnes & Noble, Etoys, K-B Toys, Kohl's, Staples, Target, Lands' End, Sears, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer, Nordstrom, Shutterfly.

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

Any amount helps and is greatly appreciated! If you haven't already given please help us reach our goal of \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. In the next few weeks we will be sending out a mailing, but let's see if we can hit our goal before then. Some of the many programs

funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspsa.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOY DRIVE

Please join the 4th Annual **Bridget Brigade Toy Drive** to benefit children hospitalized during the holidays. We will be accepting **new, unwrapped** gifts in the \$10-\$15 range from Friday November 27, 2009 - Friday December 18, 2009. This year, if you purchase a toy drive item at Catch a Falling Star in Winchester, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Bridget Brigade - every gift will keep giving! Items purchased for the toy drive will be collected at the store. For other toys, you may call to arrange a pick up or feel free to drop off items at either the home of: John & Dianne Dobbins, 9 Emerson Rd, Winchester, MA 01890, 781-721-1331 or Courtney & Joe Peters, 64 Salisbury St., Winchester, 781-721-5610. Brigade Toy Drive is organized by the Dobbins family to honor the memory of their daughter, Bridget Marie.

WANTED: SINGERS, DANCERS, ENTERTAINERS FOR 89TH ANNUAL WINTON CABARET SHOW

Auditions will be held on Mon., Dec. 7th, and Tues., Dec. 8th, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium, 71 Mt. Vernon St. The show runs from January 26-30, and all levels of talent are welcome! For more information please visit <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE

Winchester Ballet Conservatory proudly presents the Nutcracker on Saturday December 12 at 1pm and 4:30pm at Winchester High School. Tickets for general admission seating are \$18 and can be purchased at Winchester Ballet Conservatory at 9 Mount Vernon St. (above Lucia's restaurant). Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call (781) 721-4808 or go to www.winchesterballetconservatory.com

WHS CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF DEEDS

The WHS Symphony and Sinfonietta will be joined by the Ambrose School 5th Grade Chorus for a concert supporting the Mission of Deeds on Sun., Dec. 13th, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. The program includes highlights from Carmen, as well as selections from Handel and Haydn. The concert is free; however, contributions will be collected at the performance.

ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

PARENT TO PARENT

Parent to Parent will be hosting its annual "Evening With the Superintendent" on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 to 9pm at Winchester High School. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent William McAlduff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, & sports and fields. To submit your questions beforehand, email info@parenttoparentwinchester.org.

TOPS FOR HOOPS

This new program, offered by the Winchester Youth Basketball Association, follows a similar format to the TOPSoccer Program and provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play basketball through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of basketball once a week. A volunteer group of "junior coaches" serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes. The Program runs six Sundays from Jan 3rd to Feb 7th, at Ambrose School, 2:30-3:30 p.m. If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS for Hoops program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, Director, at jfcalan@yahoo.com. No prior basketball experience necessary.

WINCHESTER SOCCER CLUB WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS

Registration now open! Sachems FC Academy Session: Boys and girls U6-U10: 14 Saturdays, begins January 2nd. Sachems FC Schools Session – Advanced Striker/Goal Keeper: with NEW Goal Keeper Trainer: Joci Rosa. Boys and girls U10-U18: 13 Thursdays, begins January 7th. For more info. visit www.sachemsfc.com

COOL SCIENCE CLUB

Registration is now open for the winter session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club – an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. This five-week session is scheduled to include: For grades K-2: Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry; Grades 1-2: Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For grades 3-6: Be an Energy Star, LEGO Robotics, Build a Better Mousetrap, and Ocean Commotion! For Grades 3-5: Math Magic. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3) from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. at McCall Middle School. Get your registration form today from paulagiancola@comcast.net. The fee per Club participant is \$95. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins, Science Coordinator, McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director: 781-729-7157, LHiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us.

FANSPLASH UPDATES

Some of our local businesses have joined in the holiday spirit and are donating a percentage of their sales on certain days to help Revitalize Borggaard Beach! **Tue Dec 8, 2009, 5 – 10 pm** - Bellini Night at Cafe Piazza Dolce! Enjoy an evening out and each person who brings a copy of this page will receive a complimentary Martini and

10% of the proceeds from your bill will go to FANSpash! Also, on **Sat Dec 12, 2009, 10 am – 5 pm** - 10% Day at Cups and Cones! Mention FANSpash and they will donate 10% of your purchase to bringing a splash park to town!

WINCHESTER SACHEMS YOUTH LACROSSE

WSYL is now holding registration for the 2010 Season. Registration closes Dec. 15th. Please note: Roster spaces are on a first come, first serve basis. Please complete our simplified registration process on our web site, www.winchesterlax.org. Programs include: U-9 "Learn the Game" Program: For 1st and 2nd grade boys; U-11, U-13 and U-15 Travel Teams. The price of the program this year is \$175.00 (Goalies: \$75.00). Please see our website for further information.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS AT SIXSEEDS VIDEO

During this season of joy, but also of "gimme gimme" and "can you get me____?" sometimes it's nice for a family to be reminded of their blessings and get together to help those who are less fortunate. The Give 5 program the 5th graders have begun this year is a wonderful way for the older children to serve in a variety of ways with their peers. If you're looking for something in that vein to do with children of all ages, SixSeeds Video (600 Main Street) has a Seed Pack-It project going on at the store (SeedPackIt@SixSeeds.org or 781-721-1422). Families, groups and individuals can come to the store, pack a backpack full of school supplies and basic care items, write a letter and ship the pack to children living in a squatter community in Mexico - all for only \$25 (you also have the option of taking the supplies to pack at home). The Kingston family (Christopher - Grade 5, William - Grade 1 at Lincoln School along with their parents and two high school-aged sisters) has visited these kids living on the hillsides of Tijuana for the last four years and know they could use the help of our wonderful community!

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Linletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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